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The Honorable John D. Dingell  
United States House of Representatives  
2328 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-2216

Dear Congressman Dingell:

On behalf of the National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA), I am writing to thank you for sponsoring the *Patient Bill of Rights Act of 1998* (H.R. 3605). NAPWA is committed to working with you to see this comprehensive managed care consumer protections legislation enacted into law.

As you may know, there are hundreds of thousands of people living with HIV and AIDS in the United States for whom access to high quality and appropriate health care is their greatest need. Even for persons fortunate to be covered by private insurance, however, the absence of basic consumer protections has left them vulnerable to receiving inappropriate and poor quality care--or being denied of necessary care. Unfortunately, people living with HIV can attest to what opinion polls show the public knows--all too often managed care works well...until you become sick. NAPWA supports your approach to protecting consumers because it is designed to make managed care work for people living with HIV, and any person who needs health care, while not trying to thwart the development of a more efficient health care system.

As the *Patient Bill of Rights Act* moves through the Congress, NAPWA is eager to work with you in support of this legislation which is critical to all persons who have health insurance.

Sincerely,

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